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14 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**  
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16 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

17 **Plaintiff,**

18 **v.**

19 **ASARCO, INC. and SOUTHERN**  
20 **PERU HOLDINGS CORPORATION,**

21 **Defendant.**  
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**No. CV 02-2079-PHX-RCB**

**CONSENT DECREE**

23 **I. BACKGROUND**

24 A. The United States filed its Complaint in this action on August 9, 2002, seeking  
25 declaratory relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2201 regarding the rights and obligations of the  
26 parties under Section 3304 of the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990  
27 (“FDCPA”), 28 U.S.C. § 3304, and the Federal Priorities Act (“FPA”), 31 U.S.C. § 3713,  
28 and seeking appropriate injunctive relief.

1           B. Defendant ASARCO Incorporated ("ASARCO") is incorporated in the State  
2 of New Jersey and maintains its principal place of business at 2575 E. Camelback Rd.,  
3 Phoenix, Arizona. Defendant Southern Peru Holdings Corporation ("SPHC") is incorporated  
4 in the State of Delaware and maintains its principal place of business at 2575 E. Camelback  
5 Rd., Phoenix, Arizona. SPHC is a holding company and is a wholly owned subsidiary of  
6 ASARCO. ASARCO is a wholly owned subsidiary of Americas Mining Corporation  
7 ("AMC"), which is incorporated in the State of Delaware. AMC is a wholly owned  
8 subsidiary of Grupo Mexico S.A. de C.V. ("Grupo Mexico"), a Mexican corporation.

9           C. ASARCO has established liabilities to the United States. These include, but  
10 are not limited to, environmental clean-up and/or payment obligations under the following  
11 civil judgments: *United States v. ASARCO* (W.D. Wash.), Civil Action No. C91-5528 B;  
12 *United States v. ASARCO* (W.D. Wash.), Civil No. C94-5714RJB; *United States and State*  
13 *of Idaho v. ASARCO, et al.* (D. Idaho), Civil Action No. 94-206-N-EJL; *United States and*  
14 *State of Texas v. Encycle/Texas and ASARCO* (S.D. Texas), Civil Action H-99-1136; *United*  
15 *States v. ASARCO* (D. Mont.), CV 98-3-H-CCL; *United States v. ASARCO* (D. Mont.), CV-  
16 90-46-H-CCL; *United States and State of Arizona v. ASARCO* (D. Ariz.), No. CIV 98-0137  
17 PHX ROS; *United States v. ASARCO* (D. Colo.), Civil Action Nos. CV-83-C-2388 and 86-C-  
18 1675; *United States v. ASARCO* (D. Utah), Civil Action No. 2:98CV-0415B; *United States*  
19 *v ARCO, et al.* (D. Montana), Civil Action No. 02-35-Bu-RFC; and *United States v.*  
20 *ASARCO, et al.* (D. Kansas), Civil Action No. 99-1399.

21           D. ASARCO also has environmental liabilities to the United States under  
22 administrative orders on consent issued by the United States Environmental Protection  
23 Agency ("EPA") and the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") pursuant to the  
24 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"),  
25 42 U.S.C. § 9601 *et seq.*, including but not limited to the following: *In the Matter of Circle*  
26 *Smelting, Beckemeyer, IL*, EPA Docket No. V-W-97-C-419; *In the Matter of Removal Action*  
27 *- East Helena Superfund Site*, EPA Docket No. CERCLA-VIII-91-17, June 20, 1996; *In the*  
28 *Matter of RI/FS, Vasquez Blvd./Interstate 70 (Denver, CO)*, CERCLA-08-2001-13,

1 September 25, 2001; *In the Matter of Jasper County/Tri-State Mining Area Site*, 91-F-0020,  
2 August 2, 1991; *In the Matter of Newton County Mine Tailings Site*, VII-96-F-0022, June 17,  
3 1997; *In the Matter of Federal Mine Tailings Site*, VII-97-F-0009, September 30, 1997; *In*  
4 *the Matter of Big River/St. Francois County Mining Area Site*, VII-97-F-0002, January 29,  
5 1997; *In the Matter of Jack Waite Mine Site* (USDA), Idaho Panhandle National Forest, EPA  
6 Docket No. 10-98-00--CERCLA, March 30, 2000; and *In the Matter of Upper Blackfoot*  
7 *Mining Complex, Helena National Forest, Montana* (USDA., Forest Service, Northern  
8 Region).

9 E. The United States alleges that ASARCO also has environmental liabilities  
10 under EPA unilateral administrative orders as follows: *In the Matter of Commencement Bay*  
11 *Nearshore/Tideflats Site (Sediments/Groundwater OU)*, CERCLA 10-2002-0046; *Silver Bow*  
12 *Creek/Butte Area Site (Mine Flooding OU)*, CERCLA-VIII-96-19, June 11, 1996; *In the*  
13 *Matter of Newton County Mine Tailings Site*, 07-2002-0114, April 15, 2002; *In the Matter*  
14 *of Omaha Lead Site*, CERCLA-7-99-F-0029, August 24, 1999.

15 F. ASARCO is a defendant in an ongoing civil action, *United States v ASARCO,*  
16 *et al* (D. Idaho), Civil Action Nos. 96-0122-N-EJL/91-0342-N-EJL (Consolidated Cases),  
17 brought under Section 107(a) of CERCLA for recovery of response costs and damages for  
18 injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources at the Coeur d'Alene River Basin in  
19 Idaho, which is part of the Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Complex Superfund  
20 Facility Operable Unit 3.

21 G. Although not yet subject to formal proceedings, the United States contends that  
22 ASARCO is liable under Section 106 and/or 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606, 9607, for  
23 response actions and repayment of response costs incurred or to be incurred at a number of  
24 additional sites, including but not limited to the Richardson Flat Site, Park City, UT; the El  
25 Paso County Metal Survey Site, El Paso, TX; the Omaha Smelter Site, Omaha, NE; and the  
26 Hayden Mine and Smelter Site, Hayden, AZ. Moreover, based on ASARCO's mining and  
27 operational history, ASARCO stands exposed to the potential that additional environmental  
28 liabilities will arise or be discovered in the future.

1 H. ASARCO has been unable to comply fully with its environmental remediation  
2 obligations over at least the last two years.

3 I. ASARCO is and has been, and/or the United States claims that ASARCO is  
4 and has been, in violation of a number of the various consent decrees, administrative orders  
5 on consent and unilateral administrative orders referenced in Paragraphs C, D, and E, as the  
6 result of its actual or alleged noncompliance with the requirements, terms and conditions of  
7 those consent decrees or orders, including financial assurance requirements. ASARCO  
8 stands exposed to claims for stipulated and statutory penalties in excess of \$100,000,000 for  
9 such noncompliance. Because ASARCO's noncompliance with several outstanding consent  
10 decrees and orders continues, ASARCO's exposure to stipulated and statutory penalties  
11 increases significantly every day.

12 J. ASARCO would have to spend in excess of \$150 million in calendar years  
13 2003 through 2005 if required to perform all Environmental Response work that it is  
14 obligated to the United States to perform by the end of that calendar year and to reimburse  
15 the United States for all of the United States' existing claims for past Environmental  
16 Response Costs.

17 K. In July 2002, ASARCO informed the United States that ASARCO and SPHC  
18 intended to sell their stock holdings and majority ownership interest in the Southern Peru  
19 Copper Corp. ("SPCC") to AMC and informed the United States of the proposed terms for  
20 this transfer.

21 L. The Complaint filed in this action seeks a judgment declaring that the proposed  
22 terms of the sale and transfer of ASARCO/SPHC's ownership interest in SPCC, as  
23 represented by ASARCO to the United States in July 2002, violate Sections 3304(a)(1),  
24 3304(a)(2), and 3304(b)(1)(B)(ii) of the FDCPA, 28 U.S.C. §§ 3304(a)(1), 3304(a)(2), and  
25 3304(b)(1)(B)(ii), as well as the FPA, 31 U.S.C. § 3713, and seeks preliminary and  
26 permanent injunctive relief enjoining this sale and transfer under such proposed terms.

27 M. ASARCO represents that: (a) the sale and transfer of the ASARCO/SPHC  
28 ownership interest in SPCC is necessary for the financial viability of ASARCO and to



1 eliminate the outstanding secured debt which had originally been due and payable on  
2 November 10, 2002; (b) with the approval of this settlement, ASARCO fully intends to  
3 continue its operations for at least the next 12 months following approval; and (c) ASARCO  
4 fully intends to fulfill all of its environmental obligations to the U.S., States, Tribes, and  
5 pursuant to private party civil litigation settlements to the fullest extent of its capabilities.

6 N. ASARCO and SPHC represent that they believe the sale and transfer of their  
7 stock and ownership interest in SPCC as structured under the terms of this Consent Decree  
8 provides reasonably equivalent value for their interest in SPCC. ASARCO and SPHC  
9 provide support for that representation in Appendix I.

10 O. In consideration of the covenants of the United States as set forth in Section  
11 X of this Consent Decree, ASARCO agrees to the creation of an Environmental Trust under  
12 the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decree and in the Trust Agreement.

13 P. In creating the Environmental Trust provided for as part of this Consent  
14 Decree, it is the intent of the Parties that ASARCO have no beneficial, equitable or legal  
15 interest in the Environmental Trust. The beneficiary of the Environmental Trust shall be the  
16 United States in its capacity as enactor and enforcer of laws protecting the environment and  
17 the health and welfare of its citizens.

18 Q. By entering into this Consent Decree the Defendants do not admit any liability  
19 arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in the complaint, nor do they admit to  
20 the truth of any of the allegations contained in the complaint. Moreover, by entering into this  
21 Consent Decree, the Defendants do not admit any liability under CERCLA or any other  
22 environmental statute regarding any Site.

23 R. The Parties recognize, and the Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that  
24 this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the Parties in good faith; implementation of this  
25 Consent Decree will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the Parties; and this  
26 Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed:  
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#### IV. DEFINITIONS

4. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree which are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meaning assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. All dollar amounts specified in this Consent Decree refer to United States dollars. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or in the appendices attached hereto and incorporated hereunder, the following definitions shall apply:

“Annual Budget” shall have the meaning defined in Section VIII of this Consent Decree, and includes any amended Annual Budget accepted by the Trustee pursuant to Paragraph 25.

“CERCLA” shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601, *et seq.*

“Circle Smelting Non-Time Critical Removal Site” shall mean that facility located in Beckemeyer, Illinois that has been subject to a non-time critical removal action.

“Closing Date” shall mean the date on which the documents contained in Appendices A through H are fully executed and exchanged by all necessary signatories to those documents.

“Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site - Relevant Operable Units” shall mean three of the seven operable units that are part of the Commencement Bay/Tideflats Superfund Site in Tacoma Washington. The three relevant operable units are (a) the ASARCO Tacoma Smelter and Slag Peninsula Operable Unit; (b) the ASARCO Off-Property (Ruston/ North Tacoma Study Area) Operable Unit; and (c) the ASARCO Sediments/Groundwater Operable Unit.

“Consent Decree” shall mean the text of this Decree and all appendices attached hereto (listed in Paragraph 50). In the event of conflict between the text of this Decree and any appendix, the text of this Decree shall control.

“Day” shall mean a calendar day unless expressly stated to be a working day.

“Working day” shall mean a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. In

1 computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on  
2 a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the  
3 next working day.

4 "Defendants" shall mean ASARCO and SPHC.

5 "Environmental Response" shall mean (1) a response within the meaning of Section  
6 101 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, at any Site, (2) a corrective action or imminent hazard  
7 abatement action required or performed pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery  
8 Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq*, or a state hazardous waste program authorized  
9 pursuant to Section 3006 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6926, at any Site, and (3) the planning and  
10 implementation of measures to restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of natural resources  
11 that have been injured by releases of hazardous substances at the Bunker Hill Mining and  
12 Metallurgical Complex Superfund Facility.

13 "Environmental Response Costs" shall mean all costs incurred in connection with the  
14 performance of any Environmental Response. However, this definition does not include (1)  
15 any costs incurred prior to February 1, 2003; (2) any attorneys' fees incurred by ASARCO;  
16 (3) any internal costs of ASARCO associated with ASARCO's employees or operations,  
17 except where (i) sampling and analytical laboratory costs are incurred in lieu of retaining an  
18 outside contractor for performance of the same sampling and analytical laboratory work, (ii)  
19 such costs were the low bid out of at least three bids, and (iii) such costs are included on a  
20 Annual Budget; (4) any costs incurred by other potentially responsible parties who may have  
21 a claim for recovery of such costs against ASARCO, other than costs incurred pursuant to  
22 a Annual Budget under this Consent Decree; or (5) any costs associated with compliance  
23 under environmental laws other than CERCLA or RCRA.

24 "Environmental Trust" shall mean the trust created pursuant to Section VII below and  
25 the Trust Agreement.

26 "Force majeure" shall mean any event arising from causes beyond the control of the  
27 Defendants, of any entity controlled by the Defendants, or of the Defendants' contractors, that  
28 delays or prevents the performance of any obligation under this Consent Decree despite the

1 Defendants' best efforts to fulfill the obligation. The requirement that the Defendants  
2 exercise "best efforts to fulfill the obligation" includes using best efforts to anticipate any  
3 potential force majeure event and best efforts to address the effects of any potential force  
4 majeure event (1) as it is occurring and (2) following the potential force majeure event, such  
5 that the delay is minimized to the greatest extent possible. "Force Majeure" does not include  
6 financial inability to complete Environmental Response work, subject to the limits prescribed  
7 in Paragraph 33.

8 "Globe Plant" shall mean that 89 acre parcel of land owned by ASARCO and located  
9 in Adams and Denver counties with an office address of 495 East 51st Avenue, Denver,  
10 Colorado 80216-2098.

11 "Guaranty" shall mean Grupo Mexico's written guaranty regarding exclusively Note  
12 B that is attached as Appendix D to this Consent Decree.

13 "Murray Smelter Consent Decree - Relevant Section" shall mean the Consent Decree  
14 for remedial action entered in the United States District Court for the District of Utah  
15 captioned: United States v. ASARCO Inc. et al., Civil Action No. 2:98CV0451B.  
16 Specifically this definition includes only those costs required to be paid pursuant to Section  
17 XVI, Paragraph 67a and 67b, of that consent decree.

18 "Note A" shall mean that \$123.25 million promissory note issued by AMC to SPHC  
19 that is attached as Appendix A to this Consent Decree.

20 "Note B" shall mean that \$100 million promissory note issued by AMC to SPHC that  
21 is attached as Appendix B to this Consent Decree.

22 "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by an arabic  
23 numeral or upper case letter.

24 "Parties" shall mean the United States, ASARCO and SPHC.

25 "Performing Entity" shall mean any person or entity, including but not limited to the  
26 United States and ASARCO, designated in a Proposed Annual Budget or Annual Budget as  
27 having the right to seek reimbursement for the performance of specified work projects under  
28 such Annual Budget, as provided in Paragraphs 21, 23, and 25.

1       “Proposed Annual Budget” shall have the meaning given in Section VIII of this  
2 Consent Decree.

3       “Revolver Notes” shall mean the \$450 million indebtedness owed by ASARCO to a  
4 consortium of lenders as of the date of this Consent Decree that is secured by  
5 ASARCO/SPHC’s stock and ownership interest in SPCC.

6       “Section” shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a roman numeral.

7       “Site” shall mean (1) any facility addressed in an existing or future judicial consent  
8 decree to which the United States and ASARCO are parties, or in an existing or future  
9 administrative order on consent or unilateral administrative order issued to ASARCO by a  
10 federal agency or department, which requires site investigation or other response action under  
11 Sections 104(a) or 106 of CERCLA or Sections 3008(h) or 7003 of RCRA; or (2) any facility  
12 at which ASARCO is identified by EPA as a potentially responsible party (“PRP”) under  
13 CERCLA and which either now or in the future (a) is listed or proposed for listing on the  
14 National Priorities List pursuant to Section 105 of CERCLA or (b) is determined by EPA to  
15 have a Hazard Ranking System score of at least 28.5 and at which a CERCLA response  
16 action is being performed or overseen by EPA, the U.S. Department of the Interior (“DOI”),  
17 or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (“USDA”), or by a state agency that has been formally  
18 designated as the lead response agency by EPA pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 35, Subpart O; or  
19 (3) any facility that the United States and ASARCO agree, in an Annual Budget prepared  
20 pursuant to the Consent Decree, should receive funding for Environmental Response work  
21 from the Environmental Trust.

22       “Stipulation” shall mean the Amended Stipulation among the Parties lodged with the  
23 Court on October 11, 2002, and entered on the docket October 16, 2002, and all prior  
24 stipulations among the Parties in this matter.

25       “Subparagraph” shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a lower case  
26 letter.

27       “Trust Agreement” shall mean the agreement establishing the Environmental Trust,  
28 which is attached as Appendix F to this Consent Decree.

1           “Trustee” shall mean the trustee of the Environmental Trust.

2           “United States” shall mean the United States of America, including its departments,  
3 agencies, and instrumentalities.

4                           **V. TERMS AND CONDITION OF SPCC STOCK TRANSFER**

5           5.       The Parties agree that Defendants shall not assign, sell or transfer any stock or  
6 ownership interest in SPCC except under the specific terms and conditions set forth in the  
7 Agreement of Sale (attached hereto as Appendix C).

8           6.       The Agreement of Sale shall include the following terms and conditions:

9           a.       The following events shall occur on the Closing Date:

10           i.       SPHC shall transfer its entire ownership interest in SPCC stock to  
11 AMC;

12           ii.       AMC shall pay to ASARCO/SPHC the sum of \$500 million, \$450  
13 million of which shall be used exclusively to satisfy in full ASARCO’s  
14 indebtedness under the Revolver Notes;

15           iii.       ASARCO/SPHC shall satisfy in full its indebtedness under the  
16 Revolver Notes;

17           iv.       AMC and/or its affiliates shall cancel the \$41.75 million claim of  
18 debt they have against ASARCO and/or SPHC, and, if the contingency  
19 in Paragraph 8 occurs, the \$50 million debt described in Paragraph 8;

20           v.       AMC shall execute and deliver to SPHC a promissory note in the  
21 amount of \$123.25 million, the terms of which shall provide for  
22 payments in seven equal principal installments of \$17,607,143.00, each  
23 installment due and payable on October 31 of each year beginning  
24 October 31, 2003, plus accumulated interest on the principal balance at  
25 the rate of 7% per annum (Note A, attached hereto as Appendix A);

26           vi.       AMC shall execute and deliver to SPHC a promissory note in the  
27 amount of \$100 million, the terms of which shall provide for payments  
28 in eight equal principal installments of \$12.5 million, each installment



1 due and payable on May 31 of each year beginning May 31, 2003, plus  
2 accumulated interest on the principal balance at the rate of 7% per  
3 annum (Note B, attached hereto as Appendix B);

4 vii. Grupo Mexico shall execute a guaranty agreement guaranteeing  
5 AMC's performance under Note B (Guaranty, attached hereto as  
6 Appendix D);

7 viii. SPHC shall irrevocably assign any and all interest it has in Note  
8 B and the Guaranty to ASARCO. The document creating that  
9 assignment is attached hereto as Appendix E;

10 ix. ASARCO shall execute the Trust Agreement, attached hereto as  
11 Appendix F, creating the Environmental Trust prescribed pursuant to  
12 Section VII;

13 x. ASARCO shall execute a Security Agreement, attached hereto as  
14 Appendix G, in favor of the United States which provides the United  
15 States a security interest in Note B and the Guaranty and any proceeds  
16 thereof to secure the performance of Environmental Response or the  
17 reimbursement of Environmental Response Costs at any or all of the  
18 Sites. The collateral for this security interest shall be Note B and the  
19 Guaranty and any proceeds thereof. The Security Agreement may be  
20 modified by agreement of the United States and ASARCO before  
21 execution, provided that the terms and conditions of the Security  
22 Agreement as modified are substantially equivalent to the original  
23 terms and conditions as set forth in Appendix G and in this Paragraph;  
24 and

25 xi. ASARCO shall irrevocably assign any and all interest it has in Note  
26 B and the Guaranty to the Environmental Trust. The document creating  
27 that assignment is attached hereto as Appendix H.  
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1 b. ASARCO/SPHC and AMC agree that the dividend share based on  
2 ownership of the SPCC stock arising from SPCC operations during the Fourth  
3 Quarter of 2002 shall be paid to ASARCO regardless of which party is the  
4 actual shareholder of record on the date the right to the dividend vests.

5 c. AMC shall make all payments required under the terms of Note B  
6 directly to the Trustee of the Environmental Trust.

7 d. Grupo Mexico shall make all payments, if any, required under the terms  
8 of the Guaranty directly to the Trustee of the Environmental Trust.

9 7. Upon the occurrence of all events required to occur as of the Closing Date in  
10 conformity with all terms and conditions specified in this Section, and not before such time,  
11 the Stipulation shall be deemed terminated.

12 8. In the event that the Stipulation is not terminated on or before January 31,  
13 2003, AMC has represented that it may choose to loan ASARCO \$50 million solely for the  
14 purpose of satisfying, in part, the payment due to the holders of the "Yankee" bonds that  
15 mature on February 3, 2003. If such loan is made, AMC shall pay to ASARCO/SPHC the  
16 sum of \$450 million instead of \$500 million pursuant to Paragraph 6.a.ii.

17 **VI. ENFORCEABILITY OF NOTES AND GUARANTY**

18 9. The Parties, AMC, and Grupo Mexico agree that Note B and the Guaranty shall  
19 be directly enforceable by the United States under the terms of this Consent Decree, both on  
20 its own behalf and, as beneficiary, on behalf of the Environmental Trust.

21 10. The Parties, AMC, and Grupo Mexico agree that this Court has full jurisdiction  
22 and legal authority to enforce Notes A and B and the Guaranty, and to enter any appropriate  
23 relief otherwise available under applicable law in the event of nonperformance or default.

24 11. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall limit or abridge any other remedy  
25 available to the United States, the Trustee, or any other person to enforce the terms of Notes  
26 A and B and the Guaranty.

27 **VII. ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST**

1           12.    An Environmental Trust shall be established for the sole purpose of funding  
2 Environmental Response Costs at any or all of the Sites, under the terms and conditions of  
3 the Trust Agreement, attached hereto as Appendix F. The Trust Agreement may be modified  
4 according to its terms. If the Trust Agreement is modified, it must be reexecuted and  
5 promptly filed with the Court.

6           13.    The Environmental Trust shall be administered by an independent Trustee  
7 appointed pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

8           14.    The Environmental Trust shall initially be funded by the assignment of Note  
9 B and the Guaranty to the Trust, as prescribed under Paragraph 6.a.xi of this Consent Decree.  
10 All payments on Note B and/or the Guaranty shall be made directly to the Trustee on behalf  
11 of the Trust.

12          15.    The assets of the Environmental Trust shall be used for no purpose other than  
13 to pay Environmental Response Costs at any or all of the Sites, or for administration of the  
14 Environmental Trust consistent with the Trust Agreement.

15          16.    In structuring and administering the Environmental Trust under this Consent  
16 Decree, the Trustee may seek to minimize any tax liability to which the assets of the  
17 Environmental Trust might be subject.

#### 18                   **VIII. ANNUAL BUDGET AND WORK SCHEDULES**

19          17.    On an annual basis, for so long as there are funds of the Environmental Trust,  
20 a budget and work schedule shall be finalized in accordance with the provisions of the Trust  
21 Agreement and this Section.

22          18.    Within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of the Consent Decree, ASARCO  
23 and the United States shall meet in good faith to establish an initial annual budget and work  
24 schedule consistent with this Section for the remainder of the calendar year 2003. If  
25 agreement is reached, and after any consultation with any State or Tribe the United States  
26 deems appropriate, this budget and schedule shall be deemed the Annual Budget for calendar  
27 year 2003. The United States shall promptly deliver the Annual Budget to the Trustee. If  
28 ASARCO and the United States are unable to reach agreement, the United States shall

1 determine the Annual Budget for calendar year 2003 after any consultation with any State  
2 or Tribe the United States deems appropriate, and the United States shall promptly deliver  
3 such budget to the Trustee. The decisions of the United States made pursuant to this  
4 Paragraph shall be in its sole and unreviewable discretion and shall not be subject to further  
5 dispute resolution or challenge, nor shall they constitute final agency action giving rise to  
6 judicial review.

7 19. Thereafter, no later than the first day of November of each calendar year that  
8 the Environmental Trust is in existence, ASARCO shall submit to the United States an  
9 Environmental Response Report. This report shall include the following:

10 a. A description of all Environmental Response work performed by  
11 ASARCO at each Site during the current calendar year and the actual cost of such  
12 performance to ASARCO;

13 b. A Site by Site description of all Environmental Response work which  
14 ASARCO is responsible for performing during the upcoming calendar year under  
15 existing consent decrees or administrative orders, and general cost estimates for such  
16 work.

17 c. An Environmental Response work proposal for the upcoming calendar  
18 year, which shall include

19 i. a description of the Environmental Response work that ASARCO  
20 proposes be funded by the Environmental Trust Fund during the  
21 upcoming calendar year (and additional years if warranted by the nature  
22 of the work);

23 ii. a description of the portion of the work identified in Paragraph  
24 19.c.i that ASARCO proposes to undertake;

25 iii. a cost estimate for this proposed work; and

26 iv. a detailed justification for ASARCO's selection of proposed work  
27 as opposed to the other potential Environmental Response work for  
28 which ASARCO is responsible, or for which the United States has

1 deemed ASARCO a Potentially Responsible Party, during the upcoming  
2 calendar year (and additional years if warranted by the nature of the  
3 work); and  
4 v. a list of continuing multi-year allocations provided in prior Annual  
5 Budgets, if any.

6 20. Should ASARCO not timely submit an Environmental Response Report, the  
7 United States shall proceed to develop a Proposed Annual Budget in accordance with the  
8 procedures set forth in Paragraph 21.

9 21. After any consultation with any State or Tribe the United States deems  
10 appropriate, but no later than 45 days after the due date for submission of the Environmental  
11 Response Report as prescribed in Paragraph 19, the United States shall serve upon ASARCO  
12 a Proposed Annual Budget of Environmental Response work to be completed within the  
13 upcoming calendar year. The Proposed Annual Budget shall include a description of the  
14 Environmental Response work to be performed, a designation of ASARCO, the United  
15 States, and/or some other Performing Entity as having the right to seek reimbursement for  
16 the performance of each specified work project under the budget and schedule, and a budget  
17 allocating Environmental Trust monies to fund performance of the response work described  
18 in the Proposed Annual Budget and to reimburse the United States and/or a State for their  
19 Environmental Response Costs.

20 22. Following ASARCO's receipt of the United States' Proposed Annual Budget,  
21 ASARCO and the United States shall engage in a period of consultation not to exceed thirty  
22 (30) days to expeditiously and informally discuss the Proposed Annual Budget and to  
23 consider any suggested modifications. Within fifteen days of the conclusion of the period  
24 of consultation, the United States shall determine the Annual Budget and provide the budget  
25 to ASARCO and the Trustee. The decisions of the United States made pursuant to this  
26 Paragraph shall be in its sole and unreviewable discretion and shall not be subject to further  
27 dispute resolution or challenge, nor shall they constitute final agency action giving rise to  
28 judicial review.

1           23.     Within twenty (20) days of receipt of an Annual Budget pursuant to Paragraph  
2 18 or 22, the Trustee shall notify the United States and ASARCO in writing that the Trustee  
3 either accepts or rejects such Annual Budget. The Trustee is obligated to accept and  
4 administer any Annual Budget submitted by the United States unless the Trustee concludes  
5 that such budget and schedule would be inconsistent with the stated purpose of the  
6 Environmental Trust or any conditions or limitations set forth in the Environmental Trust  
7 Agreement. A notice of rejection under this Paragraph shall contain an explanation of the  
8 Trustee's rejection of the Annual Budget. In the event of a rejection determination by the  
9 Trustee under this Paragraph, the United States may either submit a new budget and schedule  
10 in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs 21 and 22 of this Consent Decree, or may  
11 seek review by this Court of the Trustee's decision to reject the Final Budget.

12           24.     All Annual Budgets must be established in light of the anticipated availability  
13 of funds in the Environmental Trust and shall not require the Trust to pay more money than  
14 it is reasonably anticipated will be available from the Trust Fund for any calendar year.  
15 Annual Budgets shall provide only for the payment of Environmental Response Costs at  
16 Sites; however, not every Site is required to be addressed in any given Annual Budget.  
17 Annual Budgets shall not be in conflict with ASARCO's existing work obligations  
18 specifically set forth in any consent decree or order except where a modification of such  
19 other consent decree or order may be sought pursuant to Section XIII. In such cases, the  
20 requirements of any Annual Budget that conflicts with ASARCO's existing work obligations  
21 under any consent decree or administrative order shall be expressly conditioned upon  
22 obtaining a modification pursuant to Section XIII. Where warranted by the nature of the  
23 planned Environmental Response work, an Annual Budget may include a planned allocation  
24 of projected Environmental Trust funds over a multi-year period.

25           25.     An Annual Budget accepted by the Trustee may be amended only by written  
26 agreement of ASARCO and the United States, subject to review by the Trustee. Either  
27 ASARCO or the United States may propose amendments to the current Annual Budget by  
28 service of the proposal on the other party. If ASARCO and the United States reach

1 agreement on the amendment, the United States shall promptly provide the amended Annual  
2 Budget to the Trustee. Any amended Annual Budget shall be subject to the conditions and  
3 limitations set forth in Paragraph 24. The procedures prescribed in Paragraph 23 governing  
4 acceptance or rejection of Annual Budgets shall apply to acceptance or rejection of amended  
5 Annual Budgets submitted to the Trustee under this Paragraph.

6 26. ASARCO shall have the right to seek review by this Court of the Trustee's  
7 acceptance of an Annual Budget solely on the following limited grounds:

8 a. the Annual Budget would require the Trust to pay monies at a facility  
9 that is not a Site as that term is defined in this Decree;

10 b. the Annual Budget conflicts with ASARCO's existing work obligations  
11 specifically set forth in an existing consent decree or order and the conflicting  
12 provision or provisions are not expressly conditioned upon obtaining a  
13 modification of the existing consent decree or order pursuant to Section XIII;

14 c. the Annual Budget would require the Trust to pay monies for costs that  
15 are not Environmental Response Costs as that term is defined in this Decree;  
16 d. the Annual Budget would require the Trust to pay more money than it  
17 is reasonably anticipated will be available from the Trust Fund for any  
18 calendar year; or

19 e. the Annual Budget does not adequately fund the performance of  
20 Environmental Response work for which ASARCO has been designated as  
21 responsible under such Annual Budget.

22 Review sought pursuant to this Paragraph shall be by petition to this Court. Such petition  
23 must be filed no later than ten days after the date of receipt of a notice of the Trustee's  
24 acceptance of an Annual Budget pursuant to Paragraph 23. As provided in the Trust  
25 Agreement, the Trustee shall, and the United States may, file a memorandum in support of  
26 the Annual Budget being challenged within 30 days of service of a petition under this  
27 Paragraph. The Court shall affirm the Trustee's decision unless there is clear and convincing  
28 evidence that one of the four grounds for challenge set forth in this Paragraph exists. This



1 Paragraph constitutes the exclusive mechanism by which the Defendants may challenge or  
2 dispute an Annual Budget, and the Defendants agree not to invoke any other dispute  
3 resolution mechanism, including any dispute resolution mechanism provided for in any  
4 existing consent decree or administrative order.

5 27. ASARCO shall perform all Environmental Response work for which it has  
6 been designated as responsible under any Annual Budget during the current calendar year  
7 for such Annual Budget, provided, however, that ASARCO shall not be responsible for  
8 performing or completing such Environmental Response work (a) in the event of a Force  
9 Majeure, or (b) to the extent, and only to the extent, that ASARCO is unable to perform or  
10 complete such Environmental Response work because insufficient funds were allocated in  
11 such Annual Budget for reimbursement of the cost of such Environmental Response work,  
12 and such insufficiency in funding (i) could not reasonably have been anticipated as of the  
13 deadline for submitting a petition for review of an Annual Budget under the terms of  
14 Paragraph 26, or (ii) was anticipated by ASARCO and was communicated to the Trustee  
15 prior to the Trustee's acceptance of an Annual Budget. Nothing in this Paragraph shall affect  
16 the right of the United States to direct ASARCO to perform or complete Environmental  
17 Response work subject to the limits specified in Paragraph 33.

#### 18 **IX. ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST PAYMENTS**

19 28. A Performing Entity may submit reimbursement requests ("Claims") to the  
20 Trustee, with a copy to the United States and ASARCO, for any Environmental Response  
21 work for which the claimant was designated as Performing Entity in any Annual Budget.  
22 Such Claims must include a full description of all work performed, itemized contractor  
23 invoices, and other supporting documentation required under the Trust Agreement. Except  
24 as provided in Paragraphs 29 and 30, the Trustee shall be authorized to reimburse a  
25 Performing Party only to the extent a Performing Party submits receipts or other proof  
26 showing that it has already paid its contractors directly for work that was authorized under  
27 the Annual Budget, or, in the case of ASARCO's internal sampling and analytical laboratory  
28 costs incurred in lieu of retaining an outside contractor for performance of the same sampling

1 and laboratory work, where such costs were the low bid out of at least three bids and were  
2 included on an Annual Budget, only to the extent that ASARCO submits documentation  
3 establishing that such costs have already been incurred. The United States and ASARCO  
4 shall have thirty (30) days from the date of service of a copy of any Claim in which to serve  
5 an objection to that Claim, indicating the basis for contending the Claim is not authorized  
6 under the Annual Budget or is not properly documented or supported. Such objection shall  
7 be served on the Trustee, the Performing Entity making the Claim, and the United States or  
8 ASARCO as appropriate. If there is no objection within thirty days from the date of service  
9 of a copy of the Claim, the Trustee shall promptly pay the Claim to the Performing Entity  
10 subject to any limitation on payments provided in the Trust Agreement, unless the Trustee  
11 concludes that such payment is not authorized under the Annual Budget or that the Claim  
12 was not properly documented or supported. In the event that there is an objection or the  
13 Trustee determines that the Claim as submitted should not be paid, the Performing Entity  
14 making the Claim shall promptly submit a written presentation to the Trustee in support of  
15 payment of the Claim or shall withdraw the Claim. The Trustee shall promptly make an  
16 independent determination as to whether to allow the Claim, and shall notify the United  
17 States, ASARCO, and the Performing Entity of his or her decision. The decision of the  
18 Trustee to pay a Claim is not subject to judicial review except upon an allegation by  
19 ASARCO or the United States that the Trustee exceeded his or her legal authority in making  
20 that decision. The decision of the Trustee to deny a Claim is subject to judicial review only  
21 upon petition of the Performing Entity that submitted the Claim alleging that the Trustee was  
22 in error in concluding that payment of the Claim was not authorized under the Annual Budget  
23 or that the Claim was not properly documented or supported.

24         29. The Trustee shall be authorized to directly reimburse a contractor of a  
25 Performing Entity, except a contractor of the United States, for a Claim or a portion thereof  
26 upon submission of unpaid contractor invoices with the Claim and a statement by the  
27 Performing Party that the contractor has not yet been paid and is to be paid directly by the  
28 Trustee.

1           30.    If an Annual Budget accepted by the Trustee designates EPA as the Performing  
2 Entity for Environmental Response work at a Site, the Trustee shall transfer the amount  
3 budgeted for that work from the Environmental Trust to a special account established by  
4 EPA for that Site within the Hazardous Substances Superfund without the need for the filing  
5 of a Claim. The Trustee shall make the transfer, in accordance with instructions provided  
6 by EPA, by the later of (a) ten days after the Trustee's acceptance of the Annual Budget  
7 designating EPA as the Performing Party, or (b) ten days after receipt of the payment under  
8 Note B being allocated in that Annual Budget. EPA may utilize the transferred funds only  
9 to pay for performance or oversight of the work specified for the relevant Site in the Annual  
10 Budget. Within 60 days after completion of that work, EPA shall submit a report to the  
11 Trustee documenting the work performed and the costs incurred for the work. EPA shall  
12 provide the same degree of documentation as required in Paragraph 28, and the process of  
13 reviewing, challenging and approving such submissions shall be the same as set forth in  
14 Paragraph 28. If the United States has expended less than the full amount transferred to it  
15 under this Paragraph for performance or oversight of the Environmental Response work  
16 specified in the Annual Budget, it shall return the excess proceeds to the Trust. If the  
17 Trustee, after review of EPA's report, determines that EPA expended less than the full  
18 amount transferred on performance or oversight of the work specified in the Annual Budget  
19 and has not returned the excess proceeds to the Trust, the Trustee shall so notify EPA and  
20 shall request repayment of the amount not expended on that work. EPA shall have thirty  
21 days either to challenge the Trustee's determination by petition to this Court or to pay the  
22 amount requested to the Trustee for redeposit into the Environmental Trust Account. If the  
23 Trustee's determination is upheld in whole or in part, EPA shall, within thirty days, pay the  
24 amount determined to be payable to the Trustee for redeposit into the Environmental Trust.

25           31.    Any Claim or portion thereof not paid solely because there was insufficient  
26 money in the Environmental Trust or because it exceeded the amount budgeted in the Annual  
27 Budget for any calendar year may be considered for inclusion in the Annual Budget for the  
28 following calendar year.

1           32. Any portion of the Environmental Trust not expended in a given year shall be  
2 available to pay Environmental Response Costs in the following calendar year.  
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Calendar Year 2003 - \$2 million;  
Calendar Year 2004 - \$2.5 million; and  
Calendar Year 2005 - \$3 million.

a. not to seek judicial enforcement against ASARCO of any consent decree or administrative order, and

extent that such enforcement would require ASARCO to incur or pay Environmental Response Costs during calendar years 2003 through 2005 in excess of the limits prescribed in Paragraph, provided that ASARCO remains in compliance with all obligations imposed under the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and all agreements or rules arising thereunder, and provided that the payments to be made under Note B as required by the Guaranty are not in default. Costs incurred by ASARCO in connection with Environmental Response other than such Environmental Response as the United States requires ASARCO to perform shall not be included for purposes of calculating credit towards annual limits prescribed in this Paragraph. In calculating Environmental Response Costs for purposes of the limits established in this Paragraph only, ASARCO may include internal costs that are incurred in lieu of costs that otherwise would have been expended for an outside contractor for performance of the same Environmental Response work. Such costs

1 may be included only if ASARCO and the United States agree in advance on the scope of  
2 the work by ASARCO employees to be included in such credit and the specific amount to  
3 be credited.

#### 4 Other Covenants and Agreements

5 34. Any payments actually made to the United States from the Environmental Trust  
6 for a particular Site shall be credited by the United States to the appropriate account for that  
7 Site. Environmental Response work performed at a Site that is funded by monies credited  
8 to the appropriate account for that Site under this Paragraph shall reduce the liability of  
9 ASARCO and any other potentially responsible parties at that Site in accordance with  
10 applicable law. The United States covenants and agrees not to seek reimbursement from  
11 ASARCO of any amounts credited to a Site account pursuant to this Paragraph.

12 35. The United States covenants and agrees not to seek from ASARCO stipulated  
13 or statutory penalties based on any failure of ASARCO to comply fully with any requirement  
14 to perform Environmental Response work or any requirement under an existing CERCLA  
15 or RCRA consent decree or administrative order that requires ASARCO to provide financial  
16 assurance for Environmental Response work to be performed under that decree or order,  
17 where such noncompliance has occurred between December 1997 and the date of entry of  
18 this Consent Decree.

19 36. The United States covenants and agrees not to seek from ASARCO stipulated  
20 or statutory penalties based on any failure of ASARCO to comply fully with any requirement  
21 under an existing CERCLA or RCRA consent decree or administrative order that requires  
22 ASARCO to provide financial assurance for Environmental Response work to be performed  
23 under that decree or order, where such noncompliance occurs during calendar years 2003,  
24 2004 and 2005, provided that ASARCO remains in compliance with all obligations imposed  
25 under the terms and conditions of this Consent Decree and all agreements or schedules  
26 arising thereunder, and provided that the payments to be made under Note B as assured by  
27 the Guaranty are not in default. However, nothing in this Paragraph limits the rights of the  
28 United States to seek information about ASARCO's financial status.

1           37.     Effective upon the occurrence of all events required to occur on or before the  
2 Closing Date, as set forth in Paragraph 6, and not before such time, the United States  
3 covenants not to sue and agrees not to pursue all of its Environmental Response Costs  
4 incurred prior to February 1, 2003, for: (a) the Circle Smelting Non-Time Critical Removal  
5 Site; (b) the Globe Plant Site; and (c) the Murray Smelter Consent Decree - Relevant Section.  
6 In addition, the United States covenants not to sue and agrees not to pursue \$2 million of its  
7 response costs incurred prior to February 1, 2003, for the Commencement Bay  
8 Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site - Relevant Operable Units.

9           38.     Effective upon the occurrence of all events required to occur on or before the  
10 Closing Date, as set forth in Paragraph 6, and not before such time, the United States  
11 covenants not to sue and agrees not to pursue any legal challenge to the transfer of the  
12 Defendants' ownership interest in SPCC stock based on a claim that the transfer was not for  
13 sufficient value received or based on any other claim alleged in the Complaint. Furthermore,  
14 as provided in Paragraph 7, the Stipulation shall be deemed terminated upon the occurrence  
15 of all events required to occur on or before the Closing Date as set out in Paragraph 6, subject  
16 to the reopener provisions of Paragraph 46.

17                   **XI. COVENANTS OF ASARCO, SPHC, AMC AND GRUPO MEXICO**

18           39.     ASARCO, SPHC, AMC, and Grupo Mexico agree not to assert any claims or  
19 causes of action against the United States, or its contractors or employees, in connection with  
20 the matters addressed by or work performed under this Consent Decree, including but not  
21 limited to:

22                   a.     any direct or indirect claim for reimbursement from the EPA Hazardous  
23 Substance Superfund established by 26 U.S.C. § 9507, based on Sections 106(b)(2),  
24 107, 111, 112, or 113 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(b)(2), 9607, 9611, 9612, or  
25 9613, or any other provision of law, for Environmental Response Costs paid by the  
26 Environmental Trust or for costs subject to the United States' covenant not to sue set  
27 forth in Paragraph 37;  
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1           b.     any claims arising out of the work performed under any Annual Budget  
2     for which a Claim is paid by the Environmental Trust; and

3           c.     any claims arising out of the United States' challenge to  
4     ASARCO/SPHC's transfer of its ownership interest in SPCC stock once such transfer  
5     is completed.

6     40.     ASARCO, SPHC, AMC, and Grupo Mexico agree not to assert any claim or  
7     defense against the United States in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding  
8     initiated by EPA, DOI or USDA, or by the United States on behalf of EPA, DOI or USDA,  
9     for injunctive relief, recovery of response costs, or other appropriate relief relating to matters  
10    within the scope of this Consent Decree, based upon the principles of waiver, res judicata,  
11    collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim-splitting, or other defenses based upon any  
12    contention that the claims raised in the subsequent proceeding were or should have been  
13    brought in this proceeding.

## 14                                   **XII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

15     41.     The United States reserves, and this Consent Decree is without prejudice to,  
16    all rights against ASARCO/SPHC with respect to all matters not expressly included within  
17    the covenants and agreements of the United States set forth in Section X, including but not  
18    limited to the right to file and enforce liens authorized under applicable environmental  
19    statutes and the right to pursue enforcement action against ASARCO, with respect to:

20           a.     liability of ASARCO under CERCLA, RCRA, the Clean Water Act, 33  
21    U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*, the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, and any other  
22    environmental statute or the regulations promulgated thereunder;

23           b.     liability of ASARCO under any existing consent decrees or administra-  
24    tive orders, including but not limited to those listed in Paragraphs C, D, or E;

25           c.     liability for response actions and costs incurred or to be incurred by the  
26    United States;

27           d.     liability for damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural  
28    resources, and for the costs of any natural resource damage assessments;

1 e. liability for unlawful transfers of corporate assets or other prohibited  
2 transactions regardless of whether such transactions are related to obligations within  
3 the scope of this Consent Decree, except as provided by Paragraph 38, and

4 f. liability for failure of ASARCO to meet a requirement of this Consent  
5 Decree.

6 42. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Consent Decree, the United States  
7 reserves all rights against ASARCO with respect to criminal liability.

### 8 **XIII. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING CONSENT DECREES AND ORDERS**

9 43. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall be deemed to modify any existing consent  
10 decree or administrative order. If the Parties conclude that the schedule for work or  
11 payments set forth in an existing consent decree or administrative order should be modified  
12 because (a) the work and/or payments were due during the period covered by the United  
13 States' agreement in Paragraph 33 to forbear from enforcement of existing consent decrees  
14 and administrative orders and were covered by that agreement, and (b) the work was not  
15 required in the pertinent Annual Budget(s) under this Consent Decree, the Parties shall seek  
16 in good faith to modify the schedule set forth in the relevant consent decree or administrative  
17 order to take into account the period in which the United States agreed to forbear from  
18 enforcement. Where the consent of other parties to the consent decree or administrative  
19 order is required to accomplish a modification, the Parties shall jointly seek to obtain such  
20 consent. Nothing in this Paragraph affects any requirement for court approval or public  
21 notice and comment that may apply to a proposed modification to an existing consent decree  
22 or administrative order on consent.

### 23 **XIV. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

24 44. The transfer conditions set forth in Paragraph 6 are necessary and material  
25 components of the agreement embodied in this Consent Decree and are a condition precedent  
26 to all other covenants and agreements set forth in this Consent Decree. Should the transfer  
27 of ASARCO/SPHC's ownership interest in SPCC stock fail to occur by June 1, 2003, such  
28 failure shall constitute a material breach of this Consent Decree. In the event of such

1 material breach, (i) this Consent Decree shall become null and void in its entirety, including  
2 all agreements and covenants set forth in this Consent Decree, (ii) the Stipulation shall  
3 remain in full effect, and (iii) the United States may seek to avail itself of any other remedies  
4 available by law or equity. The June 1, 2003 deadline may be extended by the mutual written  
5 agreement of all signatories to this Consent Decree.

6 45. Should ASARCO/SPHC transfer its ownership in SPCC stock in a manner that  
7 fails to conform fully and completely with all conditions identified in Paragraph 6, such  
8 failure shall constitute a material breach of this Consent Decree. In the event of such  
9 material breach, (i) the covenants of the United States as set forth in Section X of this  
10 Consent Decree shall become null and void; (ii) the United States in its discretion may  
11 declare this Consent Decree null and void in its entirety by written notice to  
12 ASARCO/SPHC; (iii) the Stipulation shall remain in full effect; and (iv) the United States  
13 may seek to avail itself of any other remedies for such breach that are available by law or  
14 equity.

15 46. Should the transfer of ASARCO/SPHC's ownership in SPCC stock be  
16 subsequently completely unwound, invalidated, or nullified pursuant to a judgment issued  
17 by a court of competent jurisdiction, (i) this Consent Decree shall become null and void in  
18 its entirety, including all agreements and covenants set forth in this Consent Decree, except  
19 that the covenants of ASARCO, SPHC, AMC and Grupo Mexico set forth in Paragraphs  
20 39.b, 39.c, and 40 shall remain in valid and in full effect; (ii) the Stipulation shall be  
21 reopened and shall be in full effect; and (iii) the United States may seek to avail itself of any  
22 other remedies available by law or equity.

23 47. Should the assignment of Note B and/or the Guaranty to the Environmental  
24 Trust be unwound, set aside or otherwise be rendered unavailable for use by the Environmen-  
25 tal Trust in the manner set forth in Sections VII and VIII, the United States may declare any  
26 or all agreements and covenants set forth in Paragraphs 33 through 37 null and void.

27 48. Except as provided below, upon ASARCO's failure or inability to successfully  
28 contract for or perform the Environmental Response work at any Site for which ASARCO

1 is designated a Performing Entity in any Annual Budget, the United States may upon written  
2 notice to ASARCO and the Trustee (i) withdraw its covenant set forth in Paragraph 33 of this  
3 Consent Decree with respect to such Site, (ii) terminate ASARCO' right to participate in the  
4 performance of Environmental Response work under the terms of Section VII at such Site,  
5 (iii) terminate ASARCO's right to seek payment of Claims under the terms of Section IX  
6 with respect to such Site, and (iv) assume the performance of any Environmental Response  
7 work assigned to ASARCO at such Site by any Annual Budget or amendment and the right  
8 to submit Claims for such work. In the event that ASARCO's failure or inability to  
9 successfully contract for or perform the Environmental Response work at any Site for which  
10 ASARCO is designated a Performing Entity in any Annual Budget is caused by a Force  
11 Majeure, this Paragraph shall not apply to such nonperformance.

12 49. The actions of the United States under this Section are subject to the right of  
13 ASARCO to seek review by this Court of any such action within fifteen days of service of  
14 any notification prescribed by this Section. In any such proceeding, ASARCO shall have the  
15 burden of establishing by clear and convincing evidence that such action is improper.

#### 16 **XV. APPENDICES**

17 50. The following appendices are attached and incorporated into this Consent  
18 Decree:

19 Appendix A is Note A (\$123 million promissory note issued by AMC to SPHC).

20 Appendix B is Note B (\$100 million promissory note issued by AMC to SPHC).

21 Appendix C is the Agreement of Sale.

22 Appendix D is the Guaranty Agreement.

23 Appendix E is the irrevocable assignment by SPHC of Notes A and B and the  
24 Guaranty to ASARCO.

25 Appendix F is the Trust Agreement.

26 Appendix G is the Security Agreement between ASARCO and the United States.

27 Appendix H is the irrevocable assignment by ASARCO of Note B and the Guaranty  
28 to the Environmental Trust.

1 Appendix I contains the documents supporting ASARCO's assertion that the transfer  
2 of its ownership interest in SPCC as structured in Paragraph 6 provides ASARCO and SPHC  
3 with reasonably equivalent value in return for the transfer of the SPCC shares.

4 **XVI. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

5 51. Except as expressly stated herein, nothing in this Consent Decree shall be  
6 construed to create any rights in, or grant any cause of action to, any person not a signatory  
7 to this Consent Decree.

8 52. This Consent Decree does not provide ASARCO with protection against  
9 contribution claims by third parties relating to Environmental Response at any Site.

10 53. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Consent Decree, nothing in  
11 this Consent Decree releases or nullifies ASARCO's liability to any non-federal governmen-  
12 tal entity under police and regulatory statutes or regulations, or alters or nullifies any non-  
13 federal governmental entity's police and regulatory authority and discretion to require  
14 ASARCO's compliance with applicable law.

15 54. Whenever, under the terms of this Consent Decree, written notice is required  
16 to be given, or a report or other document is required to be served or provided by one Party  
17 to another, it shall be directed to the individuals at the addresses specified below via U.S.  
18 mail or overnight mail, unless those individuals or their successors give notice of a change  
19 of address to the other parties in writing. All notices and submissions shall be considered  
20 effective upon receipt, unless otherwise provided.

21 As to the United States:

22 To the Department of Justice:

23 For Overnight Mail:  
24 Environmental Enforcement Section  
25 Environment & Natural Resources Division  
26 U.S. Department of Justice  
1425 New York Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
Ref. DOJ File No. 90-11-3-128/5

27 For Regular Mail:  
28 Environmental Enforcement Section  
Environment & Natural Resources Division  
U.S. Department of Justice

1 P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station  
2 Washington, DC 20044  
3 Ref. DOJ File No. 90-11-3-128/5

4 To the Environmental Protection Agency:

5 For Overnight Mail:  
6 Office of Site Remediation Enforcement  
7 Regional Support Division  
8 Environmental Protection Agency  
9 Ariel Rios Building South, Room 4202  
10 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
11 Washington, D.C. 20460

12 For Regular Mail  
13 Office of Site Remediation Enforcement  
14 Regional Support Division (MC 2272A)  
15 Environmental Protection Agency  
16 Ariel Rios Building South,  
17 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
18 Washington, D.C. 20460

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An address for the Trustee shall be provided upon the establishment of the Trust and the identification of the Trustee.

55. This Consent Decree may not be modified without the prior written consent of the Parties hereto or their successors in interest and the approval of the Court, except that Appendices F and G (including attachments) may be modified according to their terms and conditions without court approval.

1           56. This Consent Decree may be delivered by courier, mail, or facsimile. It may  
2 be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of such  
3 counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.


4           57. The undersigned representatives of a Party to this Consent Decree certify that  
5 they are fully authorized to enter into this Consent Decree and to execute and legally bind  
6 such Party to this Consent Decree.

7           58. This Consent Decree constitutes the final, complete, and exclusive agreement  
8 and understanding among the parties with respect to the settlement embodied in the Consent  
9 Decree. The parties acknowledge that there are no representations, agreements or  
10 understandings relating to the settlement other than those expressly contained in this Consent  
11 Decree.

12           59. Upon approval and entry of this Consent Decree by the Court, this Consent  
13 Decree shall constitute a final judgment in this action between and among the United States  
14 and the Defendants.

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16 SO ORDERED:

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18 FEBRUARY 2, 2003  
19 Date

  
20 HON. ROBERT C. BROOMFIELD  
21 Judge  
22 United States District Court  
23 District of Arizona  
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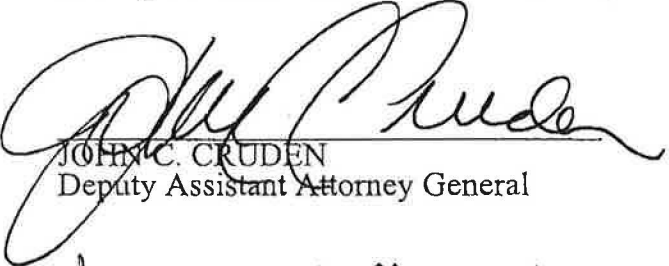



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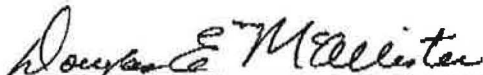
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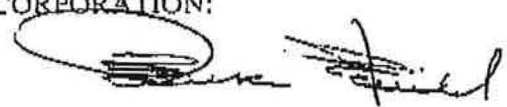
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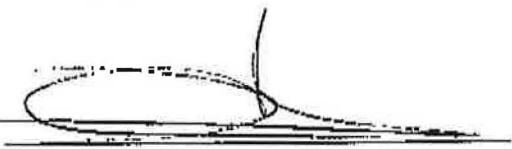
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